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SUBJ: DEATH OF THE SUPREME PATRIARCH

1. THE SUPREME PATRIARCH SINCE JULY 1972, SOMDEJ PHRA ARIYAWONGSAKATAYAN, DIED FRIDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 7, FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS WITH CANCER. THE SUPREME PATRIARCH WAS A MEMBER OF THE MAHANIKAI SECT OF THAI BUDDHISM. FLAGS WERE LOWERED TO HALF MAST FOR THREE DAYS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE TO OBSERVE THE TRADITIONAL MOURNING CUSTOMS FOR FIFTEEN DAYS.

2. SOMDEJ PHRA MAHA VIRAVONGSE OF THE THAMMAYUT SECT WAS APPOINTED ACTING PATRIARCH DECEMBER 7 JUST PRIOR TO THE SUPREME PATRIARCH'S DEATH. HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE OFFICIALLY APPOINTED SUPREME PATRIARCH AFTER THE CREMATION OF HIS PREDECESSOR.

3. THE AMBASSADOR ATTENDED THE BODY-WASHING CEREMONIES DECEMBER 8, AND THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WILL BE INVITED TO FURTHER CEREMONIES DECEMBER 15.
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